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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.4 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, May 29, 2011**. Scattered showers were reported on Wednesday, but a continued lack of rain and high temperatures are beginning to put pressure on producers in lower Mississippi. Hay and cattle farmers need moisture to help with producing forage. . Soil moisture was rated 37 percent very short, 27 percent short, 35 adequate, and 1 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending May 29, 2011

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, emerged	100	99	99	100
Corn, silked	4	--	5	12
Cotton, planted	95	81	93	89
Cotton, emerged	82	40	83	77
Cotton, squaring	1	--	0	1
Hay-Cool Season, harvested	83	75	87	86
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	17	--	5	9
Peanuts, planted	91	80	55	76
Rice, planted	99	94	99	97
Rice, emerged	94	84	94	92
Sorghum, planted	81	69	94	91
Sorghum, emerged	68	55	86	83
Soybeans, planted	89	80	95	93
Soybeans, emerged	80	63	86	86
Sweet Potatoes, planted	30	2	11	17
Watermelons, planted	98	92	98	99
Winter Wheat, mature	87	50	63	73
Winter Wheat, harvested	36	17	1	11

Crop condition for week ending May 29, 2011

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Blueberries	0	0	14	80	6
Corn	6	4	24	43	23
Cotton	0	2	35	58	5
Hay	9	23	32	32	4
Livestock	3	10	29	47	11
Pasture	10	17	35	35	3
Peanuts	0	0	23	70	7
Rice	0	1	13	56	30
Sorghum	0	1	13	76	10
Soybeans	2	2	30	56	10
Watermelons	0	7	7	82	4
Winter Wheat	1	3	17	51	28

Comments

“Crops made good progress last week and the wheat harvest is underway. Cotton growers are still treating for thrips.”

— Don Respons, Quitman

“We got about an inch of rain Wednesday and it really helped. A little cotton was replanted due to deer damage, but needs moisture to emerge.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Rainfall this past week was hit or miss but every drop was appreciated. Growers continued with their herbicide work, nitrogen sidedress activities on cotton, and with their wheat harvest. So far, wheat yields have been better than anticipated.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Pastures and hay fields are extremely dry for this early in the season. Some producers are now feeding hay due to the drought. Irrigated vegetable crops are doing well, and disease pressure is low due to drought. Farm ponds are low and we need rain soon.”

— Tommy Bishop, Jasper

“Spotty rain fell across the region; some areas got an inch while many did not get any.”

— Wayne Porter, Lauderdale

“Wheat harvest is moving along very well. Yields have been good so far. Corn for the most part is on the second irrigation. Soybeans are growing very well. A good general rain would be very helpful. We are still very dry overall in the county.”

— Lester Stephens, Washington

“Approximately half of my area has received rain to keep the crop progressing; while the other half is approaching severe drought conditions for corn that is now entering the silk and tassel stage.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Windy conditions along with high temperatures have dried out what little soil moisture that we had. Many cattle producers put up more ryegrass hay without rain this year which should provide higher quality hay (if they didn't wait too long to cut it).”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Great progress has been made in planting cotton and sweet potatoes. Soil salting issues are showing up in plant beds. There are no major insect problems to date.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“The recent rains have really gotten the crops looking good. Most soybean and cotton planting has taken place in the last few weeks due to the drier weather.”

— Reid Nevins, Clay

“Due to drought conditions very little warm season hay has been produced. We are definitely in need of rain.”

— Amanda Walker, Lawrence

“Dry conditions persist and we really need rain. Cotton and peanuts are slow to emerge. Producers using center pivots when available. Grazing is getting short. Gardens are suffering from low moisture.”

— Lee Taylor, Forrest

“Crops are dying due to lack of rain. Grass is not growing, so hay producers will lose at least one cutting for hay. Cattle producers are having to use more hay due to the lack of forage grass.”

— Eddie M. L. Smith, Hancock & Pearl River

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending May 29, 2011

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	89	55	74	74	0	0.62	-0.57	2	2.51
Cleveland				75		0.00	-1.25	0	0.53
Lambert 1W	91	54	77			0.55	-0.78	1	1.61
Tunica 2N	90	58	76	73	3	1.12	-0.14	3	2.40
Extreme/Average	91	54	76	74	2	0.57	-0.62	2	1.55
North-Central									
Calhoun City				72		1.48	0.29	1	3.68
Hickory Flat	87	52	72	71	1	0.39	-0.83	2	3.66
Holly Springs	88	54	74	70	4	0.19	-1.02	2	3.07
Independence	86	53	72	71	1	0.27	-0.97	2	3.45
Oxford				71		0.16	-1.10	1	3.39
Extreme/Average	88	52	73	72	1	0.50	-0.70	2	3.45
Northeast									
Booneville	86	56	72	71	1	0.51	-0.86	2	4.15
Corinth 7SW	89	56	73	73	0	0.83	-0.40	2	3.54
Pontotoc Exp	89	55	74	72	2	1.60	0.41	1	5.16
Tupelo 2						1.04		1	3.60
Verona	90	58	77	73	4	1.10	0.00	1	3.92
Extreme/Average	90	55	74	72	2	1.02	-0.27	1	4.07
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	90	56	77	75	2	0.20	-1.08	1	1.68
Greenville	91	58	77	75	2	0.00	-1.17	0	1.47
Moorhead	89	57	77	75	2	1.15	0.03	1	2.62
Yazoo City	93	61	81	75	6	0.08	-1.08	1	0.60
Extreme/Average	93	56	78	75	3	0.36	-0.82	1	1.59
Central									
Forest 3S	92	53	78	73	5	0.23	-0.78	1	1.83
Kosciusko				73		0.00	-1.08	0	0.87
Winona 5E	88	54	73	70	3	1.26	0.17	1	3.33
Extreme/Average	92	53	75	73	2	0.50	-0.58	1	2.01
East-Central									
Aberdeen	89	57	75	72	3	0.74	-0.44	1	1.90
Columbus	92	65	78	74	4	1.00	0.07	1	2.23
Macon	89	58	76	73	3	0.00	-0.98	0	2.72
State University	92	57	79	73	6	1.31	0.28	1	2.10
Extreme/Average	92	57	77	73	4	0.76	-0.34	1	2.24
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	93	55	78	75	3	0.00	-1.12	0	0.92
Oakley Exp	95	57	76	74	2	0.00	-1.05	0	1.22
Natchez	91	65	80	75	5	0.00	-1.19	0	1.45
Vicksburg City	89	62	78			0.00		0	1.50
Extreme/Average	95	55	78	75	3	0.00	-1.19	0	1.27
South-Central									
Collins	92	57	78	74	4	0.00	-1.22	0	0.80
Columbia	95	61	80	76	4	0.45	-0.75	2	0.63
Monticello		68		74		0.08	-1.20	1	0.58
Raleigh 6N						0.00		0	0.75
Extreme/Average	95	57	79	75	4	0.13	-1.07	1	0.69
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	93	64	79	75	4	0.35	-0.77	2	1.26
Laurel	92	62	78	74	4	0.03	-1.06	1	0.70
Waynesboro 2W	93	59	78	73	5	0.70	-0.42	1	1.25
Extreme/Average	93	59	79	74	5	0.36	-0.67	1	1.07
State	95	52	77	74	3	0.44	-0.71	1	1.93

Departure from Normal.